Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the Listing of Claims below. This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus for communicating with a plurality of information processing apparatuses through a network and for controlling an image forming apparatus, the data processing apparatus comprising:

a storing unit that stores a condition for transitioning a state of supplying power of a power source unit to each device in the image forming apparatus;

a requesting unit that requests each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses on the network to provide at least information about application software that is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses;

an examining unit that examines that **specific** application software that has a specific process name is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses based on the information provided from the respective information processing apparatuses through the network, the **specific** application software being capable of issuing a print job to the image forming apparatus; and

a power control unit that controls the state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device in the image forming apparatus based on ~~the result of the examination~~ **a number of the information processing apparatus on which the specific application software is running** and the condition stored by the storing unit.

2. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the examining unit examines the application software in accordance with user-defined parameters.

3. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the user-defined parameters include whether the application software is active.

4. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the examining unit examines a load average of the application software, and

wherein the power control unit controls the power supply state based on the results of the examination of the load average.

5. (Original) A data processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the user-defined parameters are set on a per examination processing apparatus basis.

6. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the power control unit limits the power supply state to each device from the power supply unit to shift to a sleep mode based on the results of examination of a plurality of application software provided by the examining unit.

7. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data processing apparatus is included in the image forming apparatus.

8. (Currently Amended) A power control method for a data processing apparatus including, a power source unit for supplying power required to form images, for communicating with a plurality of information processing apparatuses through a network and for controlling an image forming apparatus, the power control method comprising the steps of:

requesting each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses on the network to provide at least information about application software that is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses;

examining that **specific** application software that has a specific process name is running

on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses based on the information provided

from the respective information processing apparatuses through the network, the **specific**

application software being capable of issuing a print job to the image forming apparatus; and

controlling a state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device in the

image forming apparatus based on ~~the result of the examination~~ **a number of the information**

processing apparatus on which the specific application software is running and a condition

for transitioning the state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device.

9. (Previously Presented) A power control method according to claim 8, wherein the

examining step includes examining the application software in accordance with user-defined

parameters.

10. (Previously Presented) A power control method according to claim 9, wherein the

user-defined parameters include whether the application software is active.

11. (Previously Presented) A power control method according to claim 8,

wherein the examining step comprises examining a load average of the application

software, and

wherein the power control step comprises controlling the power supply state based on the

results of the examination of the load average.

12. (Original) A power control method according to claim 9, wherein the user-defined

parameters are set on a per examination processing apparatus basis.

13. (Previously Presented) A power control method according to claim 8, wherein the power control step comprises limiting the power supply state to each device from the power supply unit to shift to a sleep mode based on the results of examination of a plurality of application software provided in the examining step.

14. (Previously Presented) A power control method according to claim 8, wherein the data processing apparatus is included in the image forming apparatus.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing, in a computer readable form, a computer program of a data processing apparatus including, a power source unit for supplying power required to form images, for communicating with a plurality of information processing apparatuses through a network and for controlling an image forming apparatus, the computer program comprising:

program code for executing the steps of requesting each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses on the network to provide at least information about application software that is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses;

program code for executing the steps of examining that **specific** application software that has a specific process name is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses based on the information provided from the respective information processing apparatuses through the network, the **specific** application software being capable of issuing a print job to the image forming apparatus; and

program code for controlling a state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device in the image forming apparatus based on ~~the result of the examination~~ **a number of the**

information processing apparatus on which the specific application software is running and

a condition for transitioning the state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device.

17-26. (Canceled)

27. (New) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the power control unit controls such that the power of the power source unit to each device in the image forming apparatus in a case that the information processing apparatus on which the specific application software is running does not exist is lower than one in the case that the information processing apparatus on which the specific application software is running exists.

28. (New) A power control method according to claim 8, wherein the controlling step includes controlling such that the power of the power source unit to each device in the image forming apparatus in a case that the information processing apparatus on which the specific application software is running does not exist is lower than one in the case that the information processing apparatus on which the specific application software is running exists.

29. (New) A storage medium according to claim 16, wherein the program code for controlling includes program code for controlling such that the power of the power source unit to each device in the image forming apparatus in a case that the information processing apparatus on which the specific application software is running does not exist is lower than one in the case that the information processing apparatus on which the specific application software is running exists.